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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: EXPERTS' GROUP II MEETING,
OCTOBER 1, 1975

TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 24

1. SUMMARY. GROUP II MET ON OCTOBER 1. BEZUMOV MADE COMMENTS
ON ARTICLES VI, VII, AND X OF PROTOCOL I. SOVIETS HAD NO
OBJECTIONS TO PARAS (B)(2), (C), (E) AND (H) OF ARTICLE VI AND
PARA 3 OF ARTICLE VII. MAIN COMMENTS WERE:

(A) OBSERVERS SHOULD NOT BE PRESENT DURING DRILLING;

(B) WHAT IS MEANT BY "TELECOMMUNICATIONS" IN ARTICLE VII PARA 1;

(C) PHRASE "HAVE UNRESTRICTED ACCESS" SHOULD BE REPLACED BY
"SHALL MOVE ALONG AGREED UPON ROUTES" IN ARTICLE VII PARA 2;

(D) PHRASE "SHALL NOT EXCEED 20" SHOULD BE REPLACED BY "IS
COORDINATED BY THE PARTIES FOR EACH PROJECT BUT SHALL NEVER
EXCEED N". US SIDE MADE GENERAL RESPONSES AND PROMISED TO
THINK OVER SUGGESTIONS. BEZUMOV SAID SOVIET WERE NOT YET
PREPARED TO COMMENT ON PROTOCOL II, BUT TWO CLARIFYING QUESTIONS
ON PROTOCOL II WERE ASKED (SEE PARA 14 AND 15, BELOW). NEXT
MEETING OF GROUP II WAS TENTATIVELY SET FOR OCTOBER 3, BUT

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SOVIETS "INSIST" THAT AGENDA BE US RESPONSES TO POINTS RAISED BY

SOVIETS ON SEPTEMBER 25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF GROUP I WAS NOT CONFIRMED AS SOVIETS REPEATEDLY REFERRED TO POSSIBLE MEETING OF HEADS OF DELEGATION ON OCTOBER 2. END SUMMARY.

2. BEZUMOV SYSTEMATICALLY DISCUSSED SOVIET VIEWS ON POINTS IN ARTICLES VI, VII AND X OF PROTOCOL I.

3. SOVIETS HAD NO OBJECTION TO PARA (B)(2), (C), (E) AND (H) OF ARTICLE VI AND PARA 3 OF ARTICLE VII. HE SAID PARA (B)(1) HAD BEEN REFERRED TO GROUP I. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION OF (B)(2) AND (C) SOVIETS SAID THEY ALWAYS DRILLED EXPLORATORY HOLES WITHIN 50 METERS OF THE EMPLACEMENT HOLE AND LOGGED THEM WITH VARIOUS LOGS AND WOULD PROVIDE SUCH LOGS TO DESIGNATED PERSONNEL. IF NECESSARY, THEY WOULD RELOG HOLES OR REDRILL HOLES IF RELOGGING WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR DESIGNATED PERSONNEL, WHEN SUCH PERSONNEL ARRIVED AT THE SITE (SEE PARA 11 BELOW).

4. SOVIETS PROPOSED DELETION OF PARA (B)(3) ARTICLE VI. BEZUMOV SAID THERE WAS NO NEED FOR THIS INFORMATION IN LIGHT OF INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR IN PARA (B)(2). THEY SAID THIS LATTER INFORMATION WAS SUFFICIENT TO KNOW THE GEOLOGY AT THE EMPLACEMENT SITE.

5. BEZUMOV ASKED HOW OBSERVER ACTIVITIES WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN RELATION TO PARA (D) OF ARTICLE VI. FRYKLUND DISCUSSION OF THIS SATISFIED SOVIET SIDE.

6. REGARDING PARA (F) OF ARTICLE VI, BEZUMOV SAID THEY WERE AWAITING A RESPONSE TO THEIR COMMENTS (MOSCOW 13747 PARA 9)

7. BEZUMOV SAID PHRASE "AND THE TAKING OF SUPPLEMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHS BY DESIGNATED PERSONNEL" IN PARA (G) OF ARTICLE VI SHOULD BE DELETED.

8. BEZUMOV SAID THEY WOULD DISCUSS IN THE FUTURE PARA (I) OF ARTICLE VI AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO ARTICLE VIII.

9. BEZUMOV ASKED FOR THE MEANING OF THE PHRASE "BE ASSURED OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS WITH THEIR OWN AUTHORITIES" IN ARTICLE VII PARA

1. US SIDE SAID THIS COULD REFER TO COMMUNICATIONS BY TELEPHONE
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OR RADIO BY DESIGNATED PERSONNEL WITH US EMBASSY, MOSCOW, FOR EXAMPLE, IN CASE OF PROJECT IN SOVIET UNION. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM BEZUMOV, US SIDE SAID THAT IF TELEPHONE WERE USED, EQUIPMENT WOULD NECESSARILY BE SOVIET, BUT IN CASE OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, EQUIPMENT MIGHT BE SOVIET OR POSSIBLY US.

COMMENT: IN ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, DELEGATION PLANS TO EMPHASIZE THAT SPECIFIC AGREEMENT WOULD

HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT REGARDING SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES. PLEASE ADVISE ON POSITION TO TAKE ON OWNERSHIP OF EQUIPMENT, OPERATING PROCEDURES, LOCATION OF "AUTHORITIES", DETAILED IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS, ETC.

10. WITH REFERENCE TO PARA 2 ARTICLE VII, BEZUMOV SUGGESTED THAT WORDS "HAVE UNRESTRICTED ACCESS" BE REPLACED BY "SHALL MOVE ALONG AGREED UPON ROUTES". IN DISCUSSION, BEZUMOV SAID THAT ROUTE WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN RATIONAL AND REASONABLE WAY WITH DESIGNATED PERSONNEL ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS AND PURPOSE OF THEIR ACTIVITIES.

11. REGARDING ARTICLE VII PARA 2(B) BEZUMOV SAID WORDS "THE START OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST EMPLACEMENT HOLE FOR" SHOULD BE DELETED. THE NUMBER OF DAYS, 10, SHOULD BE REPLACED BY "N", THE ACTUAL VALUE OF WHICH WOULD DEPEND UPON OBSERVER PROCEDURES EVENTUALLY AGREED UPON. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION, US SIDE ARGUED THAT ACCESS BY DESIGNATED PERSONNEL TO DRILLING COULD SIMPLIFY OBTAINING GEOLOGIC INFORMATION. BEZUMOV SAID THAT THEIR APPROACH WAS SIMPLER BUT THAT THEY WOULD CONSIDER US VIEWS.

12. REGARDING ARTICLE VII PARA 2(B) BEZUMOV SAID THEY WOULD DISCUSS THE NUMBER OF DAYS STATED IN ARTICLE AT A MORE OFFICIAL MEETING.

13. REGARDING ARTICLE VII PARA 4 BEZUMOV SAID THEY AWAITED US REPLY TO SOVIET COMMENTS ON NUCLEAR DEVICE INFORMATION OF SEPTEMBER 25 (MOSOW 13747 PARAS 4 AND 5).

14. BEZUMOV SUGGESTED THAT ARTICLE X BE REWORDED APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS: THE NUMBER OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL PRESENT AT THE SITE OF A SPECIFIC EXPLOSION IS TO BE COORDINATED BY THE PARTIES FOR EACH PROJECT (BUT THE NUMBER SHALL NEVER EXCEED "N")

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15. NOVIKOV ASKED QUESTION ON PROTOCOL II ARTICLE 2 PARA 4(D) WHICH TURNED ON MISUNDERSTANDING OF PHRASE "POINT OF MEASUREMENT". HE TOOK THIS TO MEAN POINT AT WHICH SLIFER MEASUREMENTS ARE MADE. THE INTENDED MEANING WAS CLARIFIED.

16. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED 2P.M. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3. BEZUMOV SAID THEY WOULD HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY AT THE MEETING AND INSISTED THAT US RESPOND TO THEIR SUGGESTIONS MADE AT SEPTEMBER 25 MEETING (MOSOW 13747).

17. US SIDE EMPHASIZED NEED TO DISCUSS PROTOCOL II. BEZUMOV SAID THIS WAS IMPORTANT SUBJECT AND REQUIRED CAREFUL STUDY.

18. AFTER THE MEETING BEZUMOV ASKED NORKYKE WHAT PARTS OF SLIFER

EQUIPMENT DID US PROPOSE TO MAKE AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION.
NORDYKE SAID THAT ALL PARTS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE INCLUDING
CABLES, OSCILLATOR, AND RECORDING APPARATUS. BEZUMOV APPEARED
SATISFIED BY THIS ANSWER.

19. PLANNED MEETING OCTOBER 2 OF GROUP ONE WAS NOT CONFIRMED AS
SOVIETS REPEATEDLY REFERRED TO POSSIBLE MEETING OF HEADS OF
DELEGATIONS. DATE OF NEXT MEETING GROUP ONE NOT KNOWN.
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